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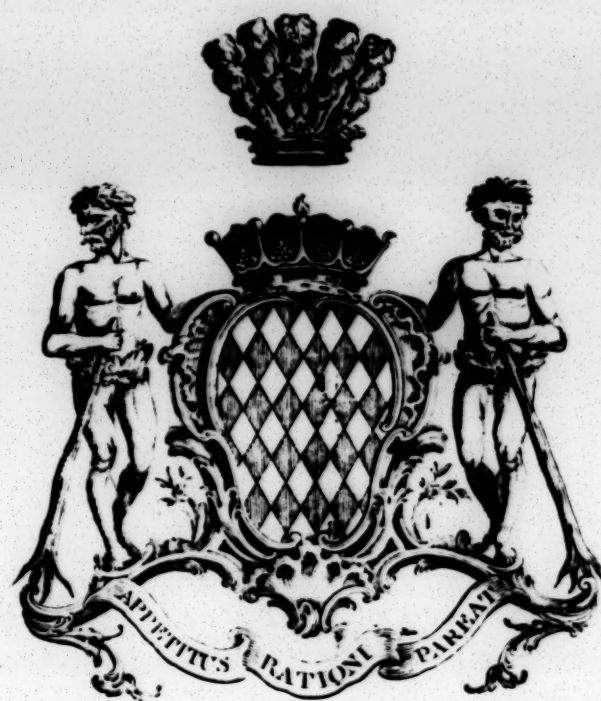
S O C I E T Y,

Of Reputable Tradesmen and Others,

meeting at JOHN HEINEMAN'S,

at the Sign of the THREE

TUNS in PETERBOROUGH.



Begun October 26, 1767.

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THE Master of the House where this Society meet, shall provide for them a large and convenient Room, having a Fire and Candles therein, in the Associating Hours, from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*, into which Room he shall not admit any other Company during the Time of the Society's Meeting, under the Forfeiture of Six-pence to the Box, except Leave be first granted by the Stewards.

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THIS Society shall have a Father chosen by the Majority thereof, who shall continue in that Office during Life. *Mr. Henry Cole*, is the present Father so chosen, who, with the consent of such Majority, has appointed *William English* his Deputy.

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XXX. MEMBERS receiving Benefit from the Box, shall be exempt from the Attendance and Payments required of other Members.

XXXI. IF any Member be bit by a Mad-dog he shall if required have seven Shillings allowed him for a Weeks pay, and One Guinea paid to him towards his Expences of going to Salt Water, to be paid out of the Box.

XXXII. ALL Letters to the Father or Stewards of this Society, upon any Business relating to the Club, must be sent Post-paid, or they will not be attended to, nor answered.

XXXIII. THESE Orders shall not be altered without the Consent of the Majority of the Society at a Quarterly Meeting; at such a Meeting, with such Consent, new Orders may be made; and Part of the Box Money, when the Whole shall exceed Forty-five Pounds, may be put out at Interest in Trust for the Benefit of the Society.

GOD prosper this SOCIETY. Amen.